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In re Patent of Suzuki et al.
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A petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) to accept the delayed payment of two maintenance fees for the above-identified patent was filed on November 11, 2010.

Petitioner should submit the requested items within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may not be obtained. The response to this Requirement for Information should include a cover letter entitled "Response to Request for Information." The failure to file a reply to the instant Request for Information will be interpreted as a desire to no longer pursue reinstatement of the patent and the Office will give no further consideration to the matter.

37 CFR 1.378(b) provides that any petition to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee must include the following:

- (1) the required maintenance fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(e) - (g);
- (2) the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1); and
- (3) a showing that the delay was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that the petition was filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The required showing must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

The Office of Petitions attempted to collect the \$980.00 small entity 3 ½ year maintenance fee, the 2,480.00 7 ½ year small entity maintenance fee, and the \$700.00 surcharge. However, the authorized user and/or company is not listed on the account.

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